

NASA: Engineering Space Exploration

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Launching to the Moon, Mars, and Beyond

Today's Journey



- ◆ What is NASA's mission?
- ◆ Why do we explore?
- ◆ What is our timeline?
- ◆ Why the Moon first?
- ◆ What will the vehicles look like?
- ◆ What progress have we made?
- ◆ Who will be doing the work?
- ◆ What are the benefits of space exploration?

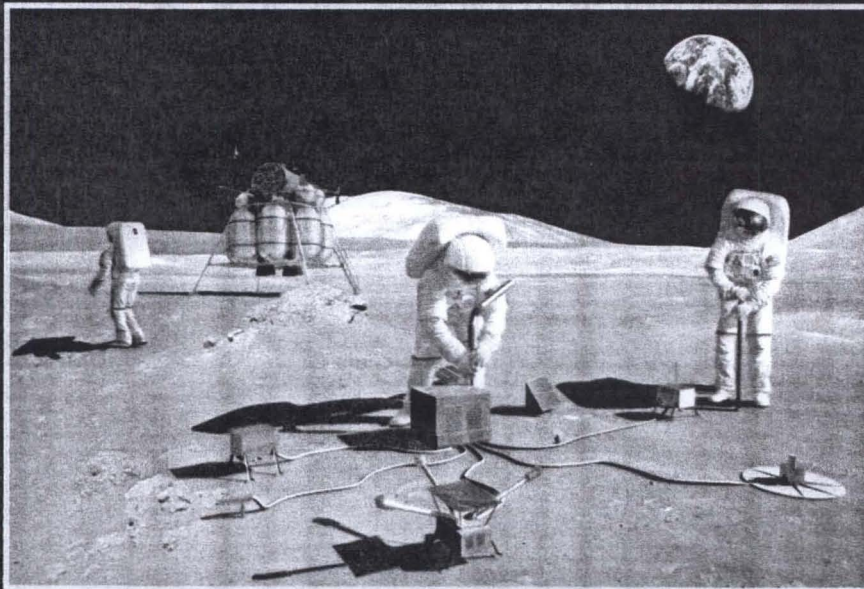
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What is NASA's Mission?

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- ◆ Safely fly the Space Shuttle until 2010
- ◆ Complete the International Space Station
- ◆ Develop a balanced program of science, exploration, and aeronautics
- ◆ Develop and fly the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV)
- ◆ Return to the Moon no later than 2020
- ◆ Promote international and commercial participation in exploration



“The next steps in returning to the Moon and moving onward to Mars, the near-Earth asteroids, and beyond, are crucial in deciding the course of future space exploration. We must understand that these steps are incremental, cumulative, and incredibly powerful in their ultimate effect.”

*– NASA Administrator Michael Griffin
October 24, 2006*

Why Do We Explore?

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◆ Inspiration

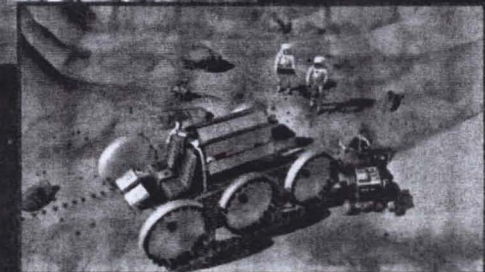
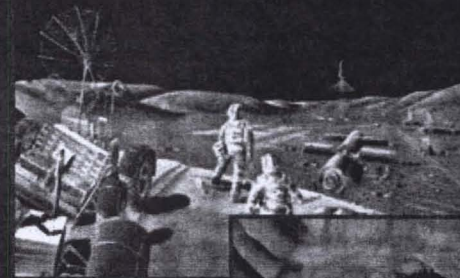
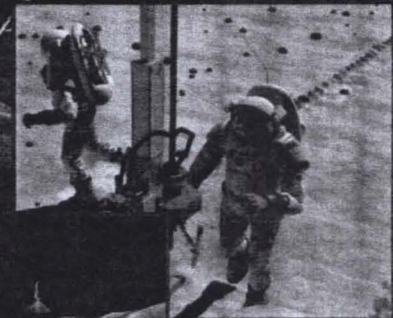
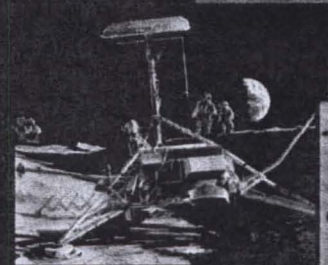
- Inspire students to explore, learn, contribute to our nation's economic competitiveness, and build a better future

◆ Innovation

- Provide opportunities to develop new technologies, new jobs, and new markets

◆ Discovery

- Discover new information about ourselves, our world, and how to manage and protect it





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NAIS Welcome Page

The NASA logo, featuring the word "NASA" in a bold, sans-serif font, with a stylized "meatball" symbol to its right. The background of the slide is a dark, textured image of the moon's surface, with a large, bright, cratered moon in the upper right corner.

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Annual Procurement Reports



NASA Annual Procurement Report for Fiscal Year 2007

Fiscal Year 2007 - NASA's procurements totaled \$14,363.3 million. The number of procurement actions totaled 36,251.

TRENDS IN PROCUREMENT OBLIGATIONS VS. TOTAL NASA OBLIGATIONS *
FISCAL YEARS 2003 - 2007
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Fiscal Year	Total NASA Obligations	Procurement Obligations	
		Amount	% of Total Obligations
2007	\$17,651.4	\$14,363.3	81.4%
2006	17,773.4	15,846.3	89.2%
2005	18,069.1	15,342.4	84.9%
2004	16,049.9	13,472.4	83.9%
2003	15,657.7	13,273.7	84.8%

*Total NASA obligations include salaries, benefits and travel of NASA employees, as well as 121,730 credit card purchases in the amount of \$80.5 million.

Michoud Assembly Facility Manufacturing Support and Facility Operations Contract



◆ Status Update - April 5, 2008

◆ Preparation of solicitation documents for the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) Manufacturing Support and Facility Operations Contract (MSFOC) continues and the following information is provided to assist industry in planning for the upcoming procurement.

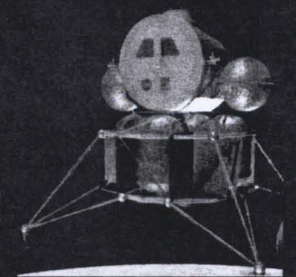
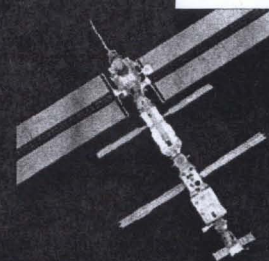
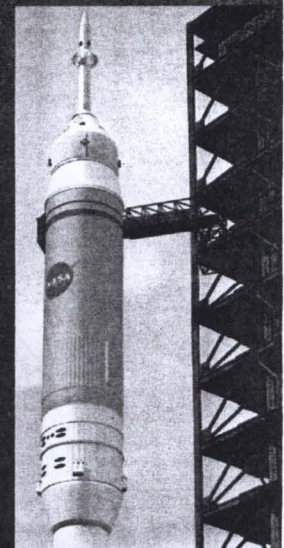
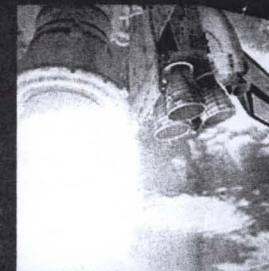
- A) Release of the MSFOC Draft Request for Proposal (DRFP) is scheduled for no earlier than April 10, 2008.
- B) A pre-solicitation conference is scheduled to begin the morning of Monday, April 21, 2008, and conclude the afternoon of Wednesday, April 23, 2008. The pre-solicitation conference will be held at Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, LA. The details of the pre-solicitation conference including agenda, registration, and MAF access will be provided with the release of the DRFP.

◆ Any questions concerning this status notice should be directed to Mark A. York, Office of Procurement, PS43, Marshall Space Flight Center, AL 35812. The phone number is 256-544-4028.

MAJOR NASA PROGRAMS

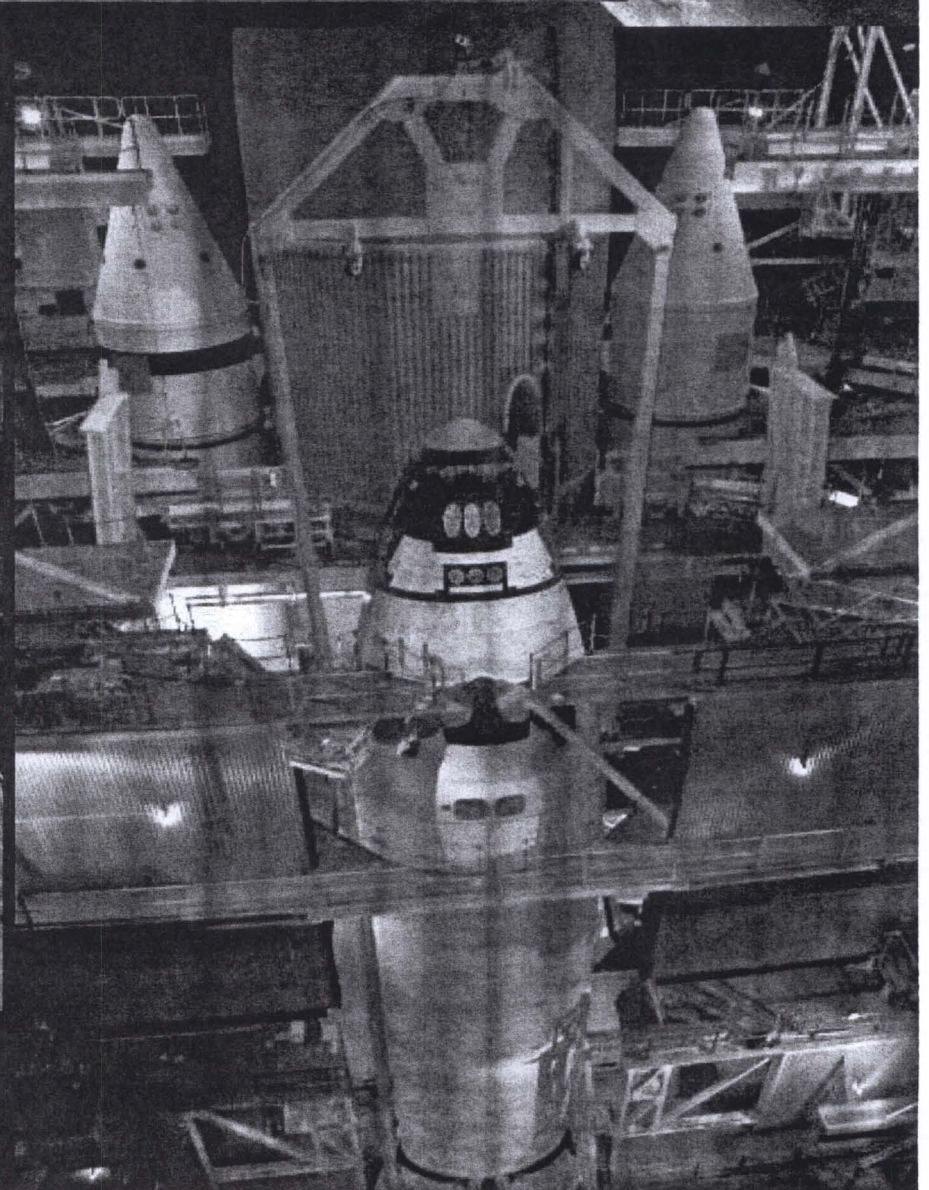
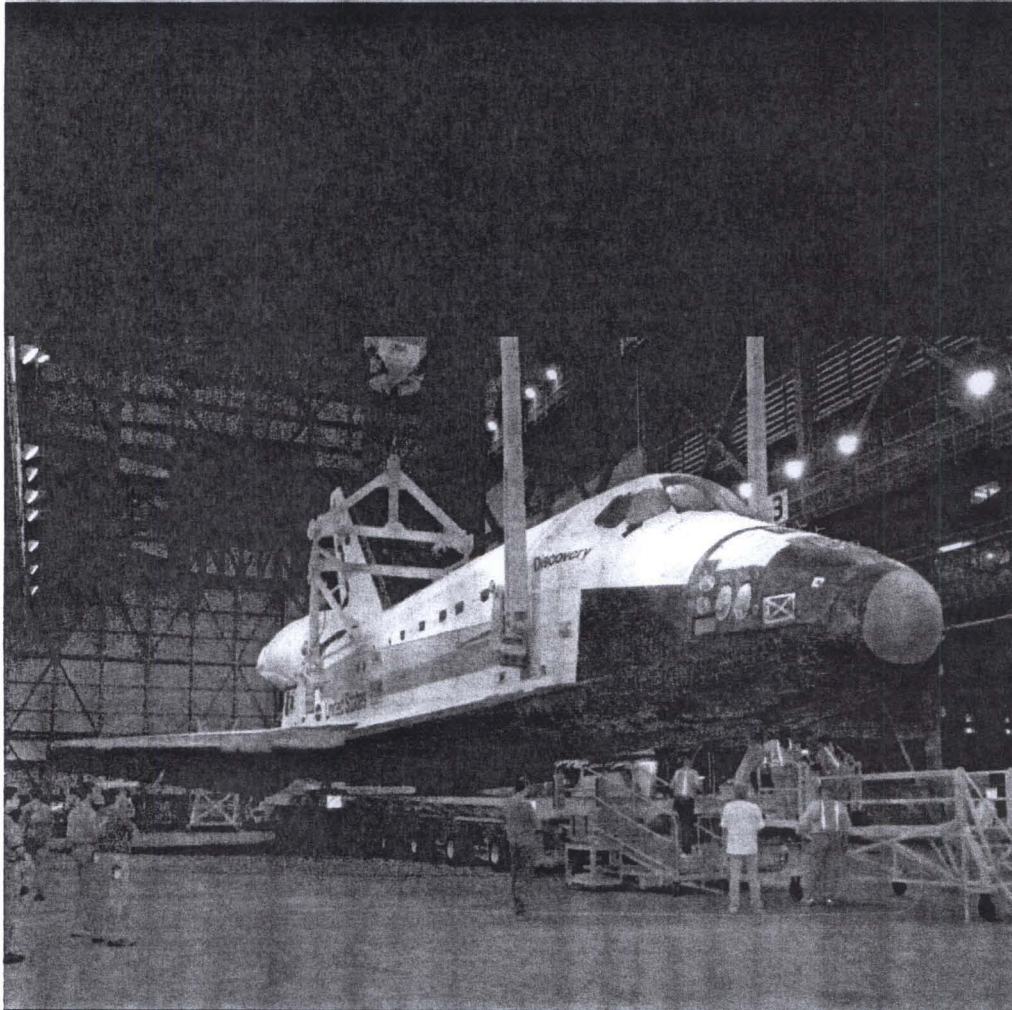
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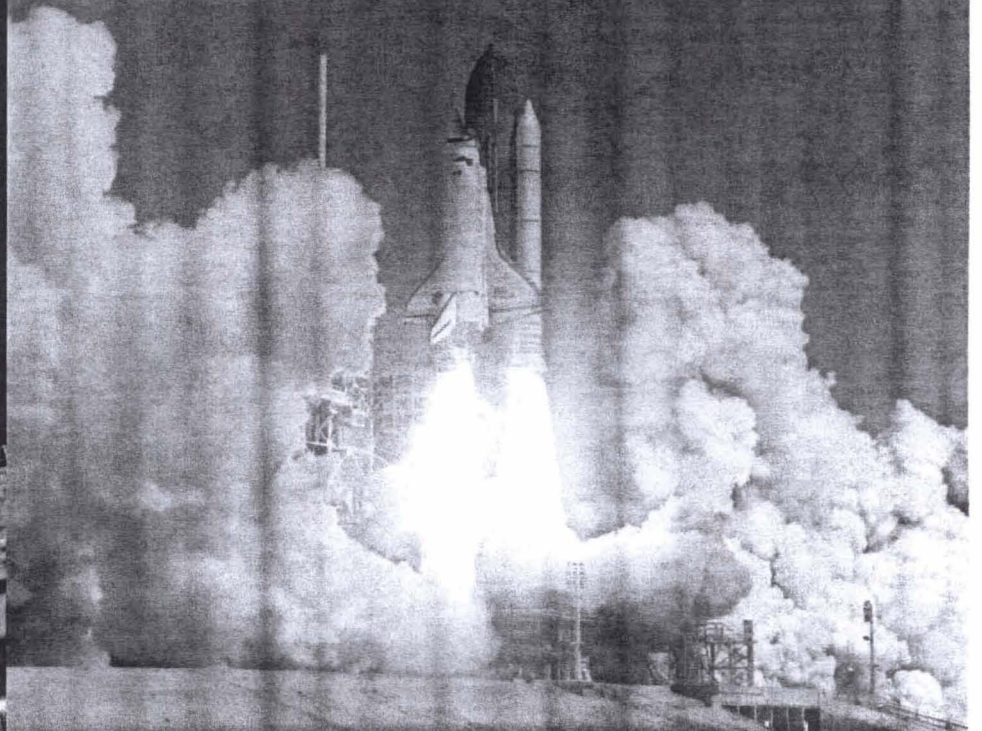
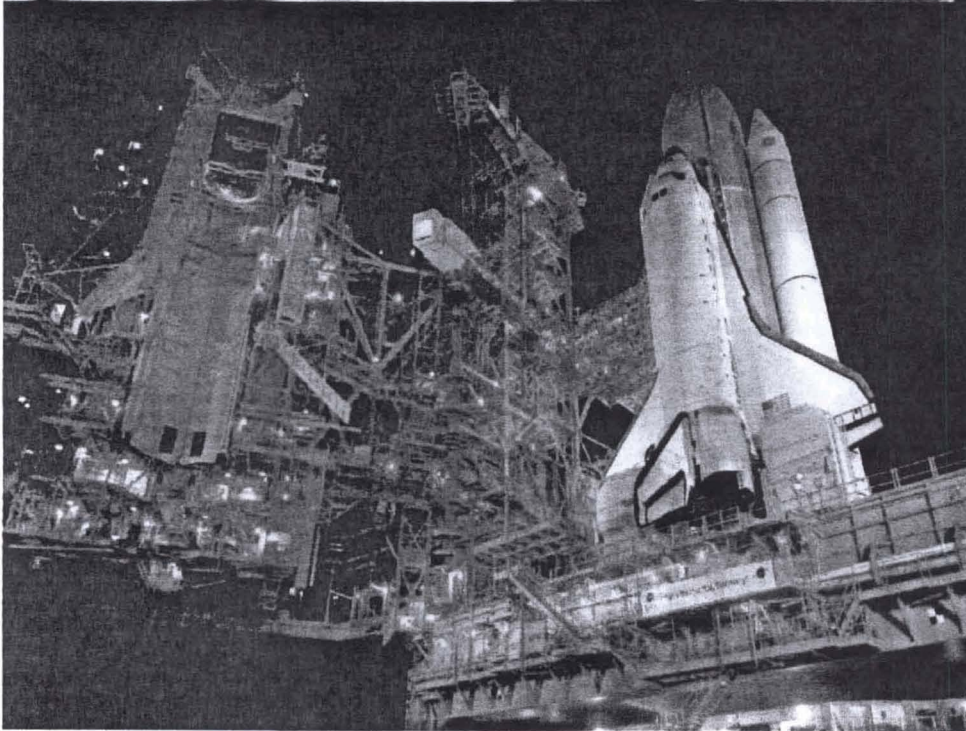
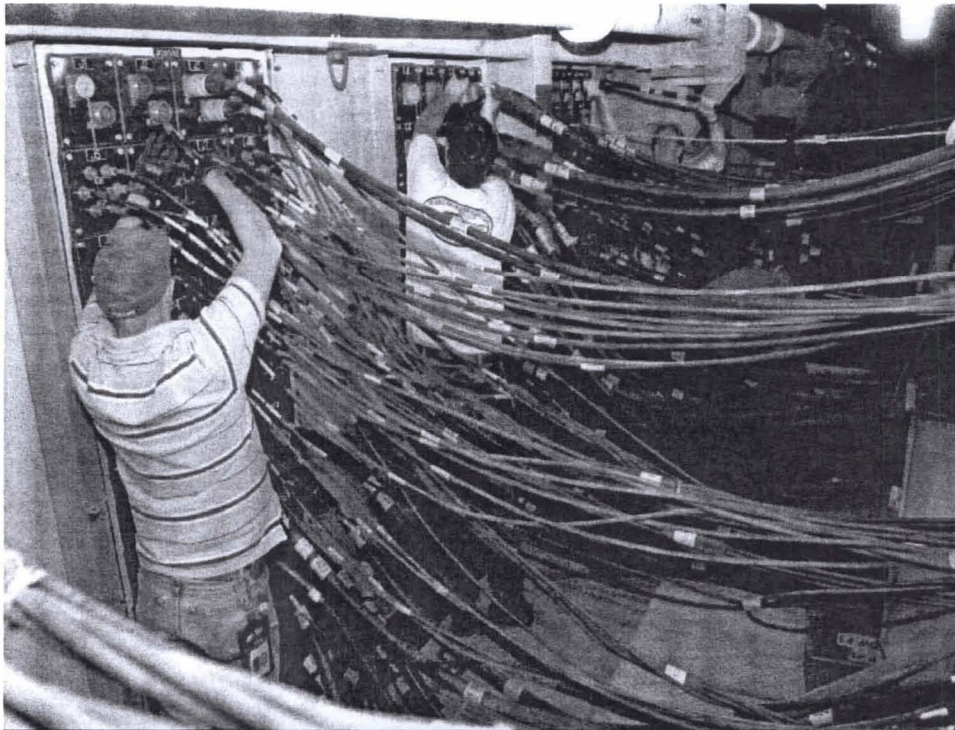
- ◆ **Space Shuttle**
- ◆ **International Space Station**
- ◆ **Constellation Program (Future)**
 - Crew Launch Vehicle
 - Cargo Launch Vehicle
 - Crew Exploration Vehicle
 - Crew Service Module
 - Earth Departure Stage
 - Altair Lunar Lander
 - Mars Transfer Vehicle
 - Mars Descent/Ascent Vehicle



Shuttle Processing

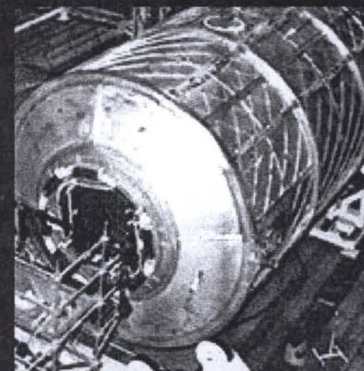
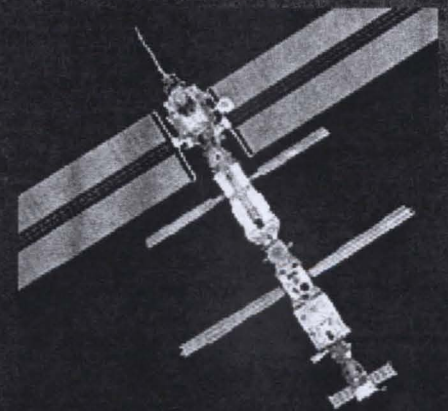
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International Space Station

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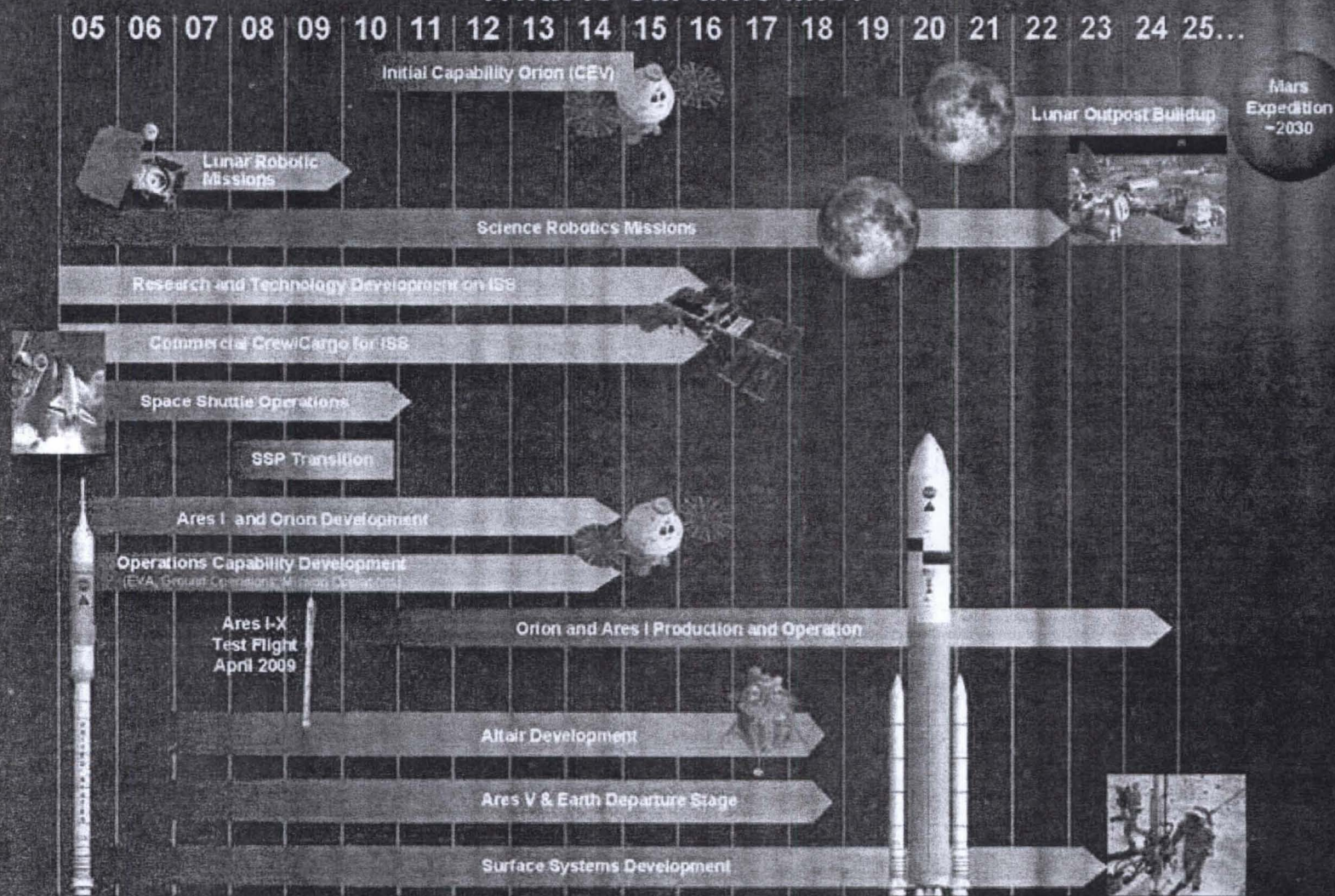


ISS Assembly Sequence



NASA's Exploration Roadmap

What is our time line?

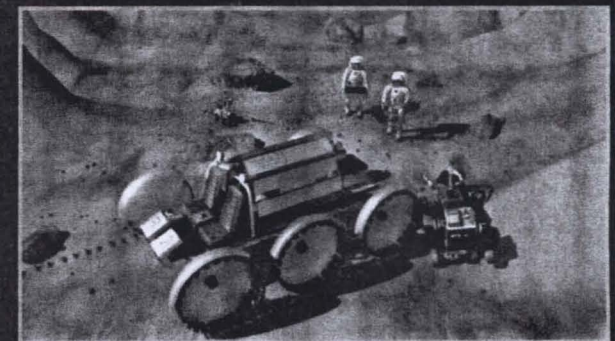
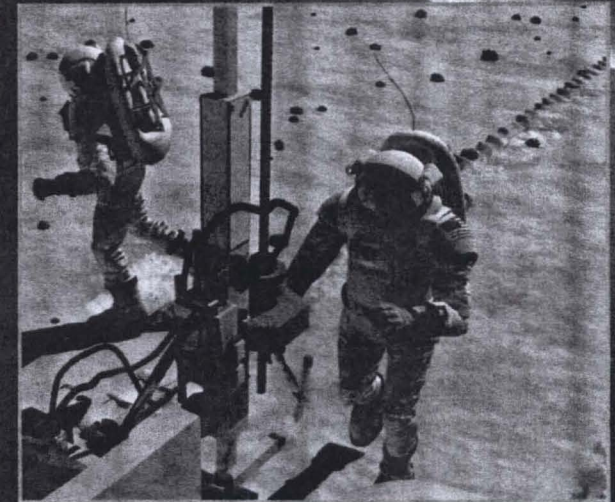


The Moon

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◆ Lunar missions allow us to:

- Gain exploration experience
 - Space no longer a short-term destination
 - Will test human support systems
 - Use Moon to prove ability to build and repair long-duration space assets
- Develop exploration technologies
 - Launch and exploration vehicles
 - *In-situ* resource utilization
 - Power and robotic systems
- Conduct fundamental science
 - Astronomy, physics, astrobiology, geology, exobiology



Next Step in Fulfilling Our Destiny as Explorers



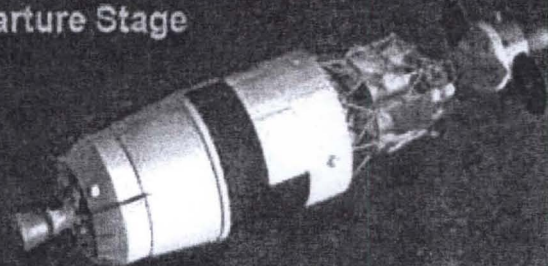
There Are Many Places To Explore



Our Exploration Fleet

What will the vehicles look like?

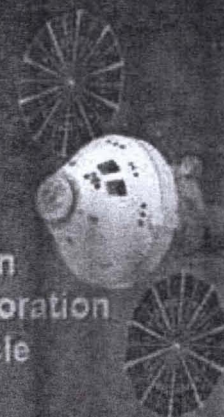
Earth Departure Stage



Ares V
Cargo Launch
Vehicle



Orion
Crew Exploration
Vehicle



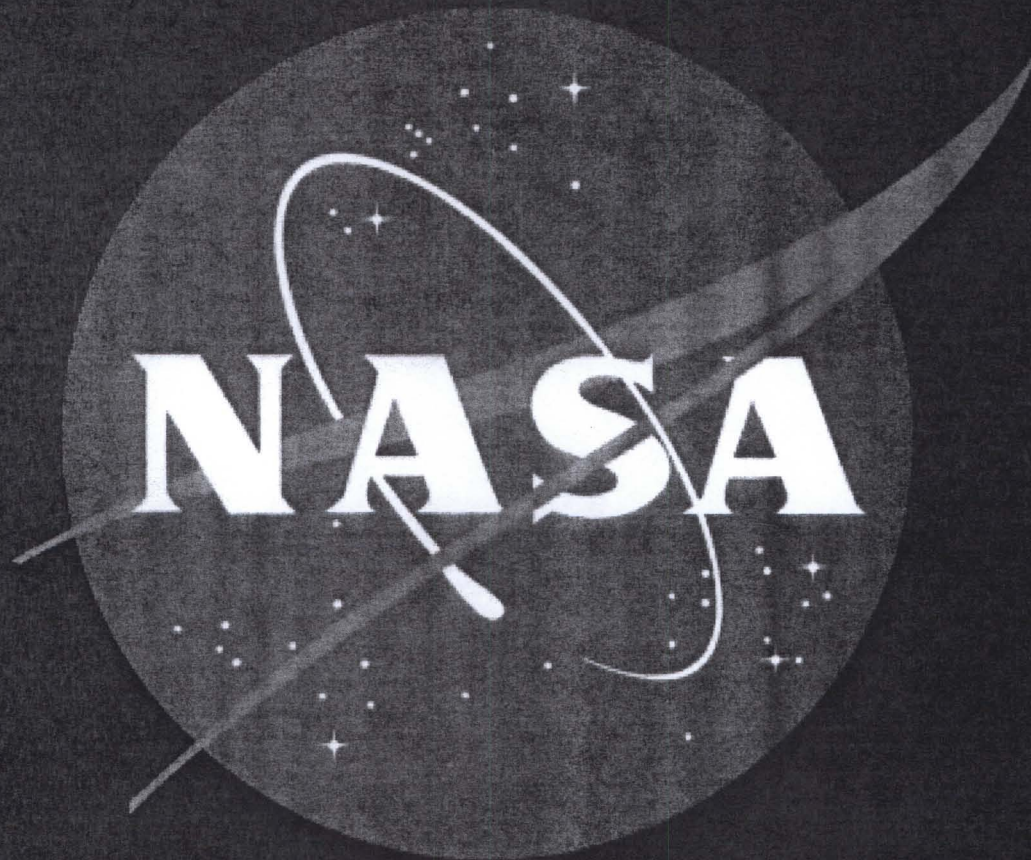
Altair
Lunar
Lander



Ares I
Crew Launch
Vehicle



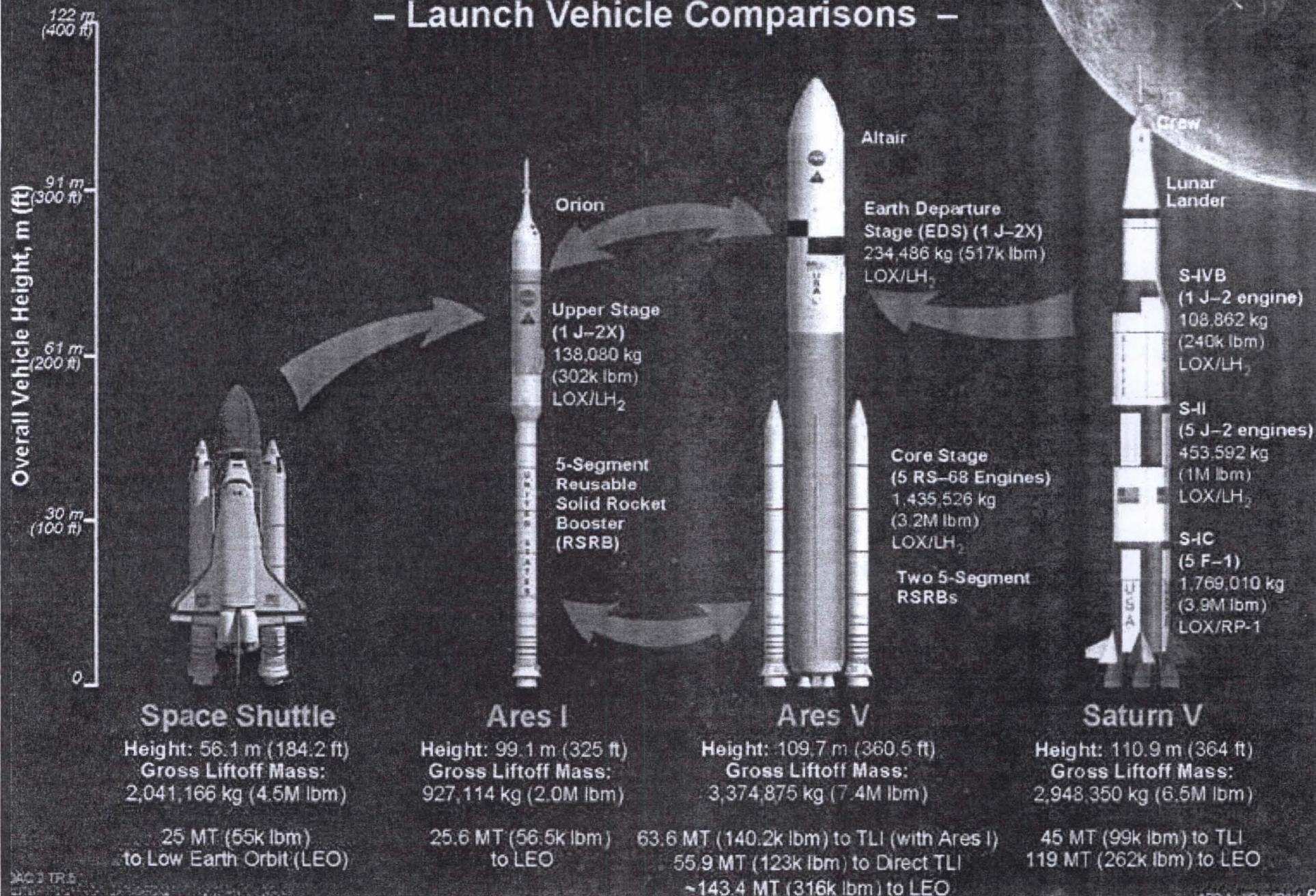
Journey to the Moon



Building on a Foundation of Proven Technologies

– Launch Vehicle Comparisons –

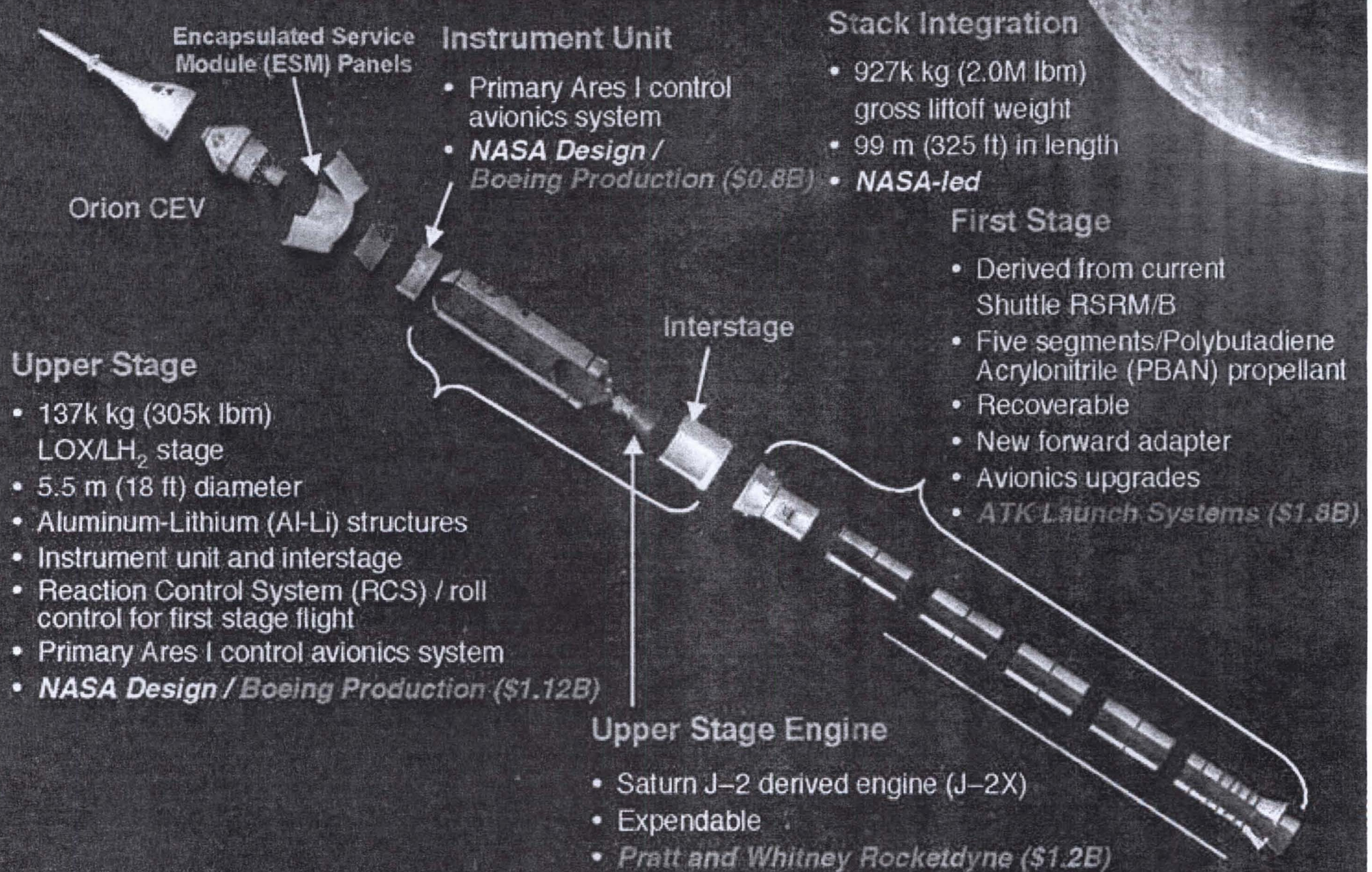
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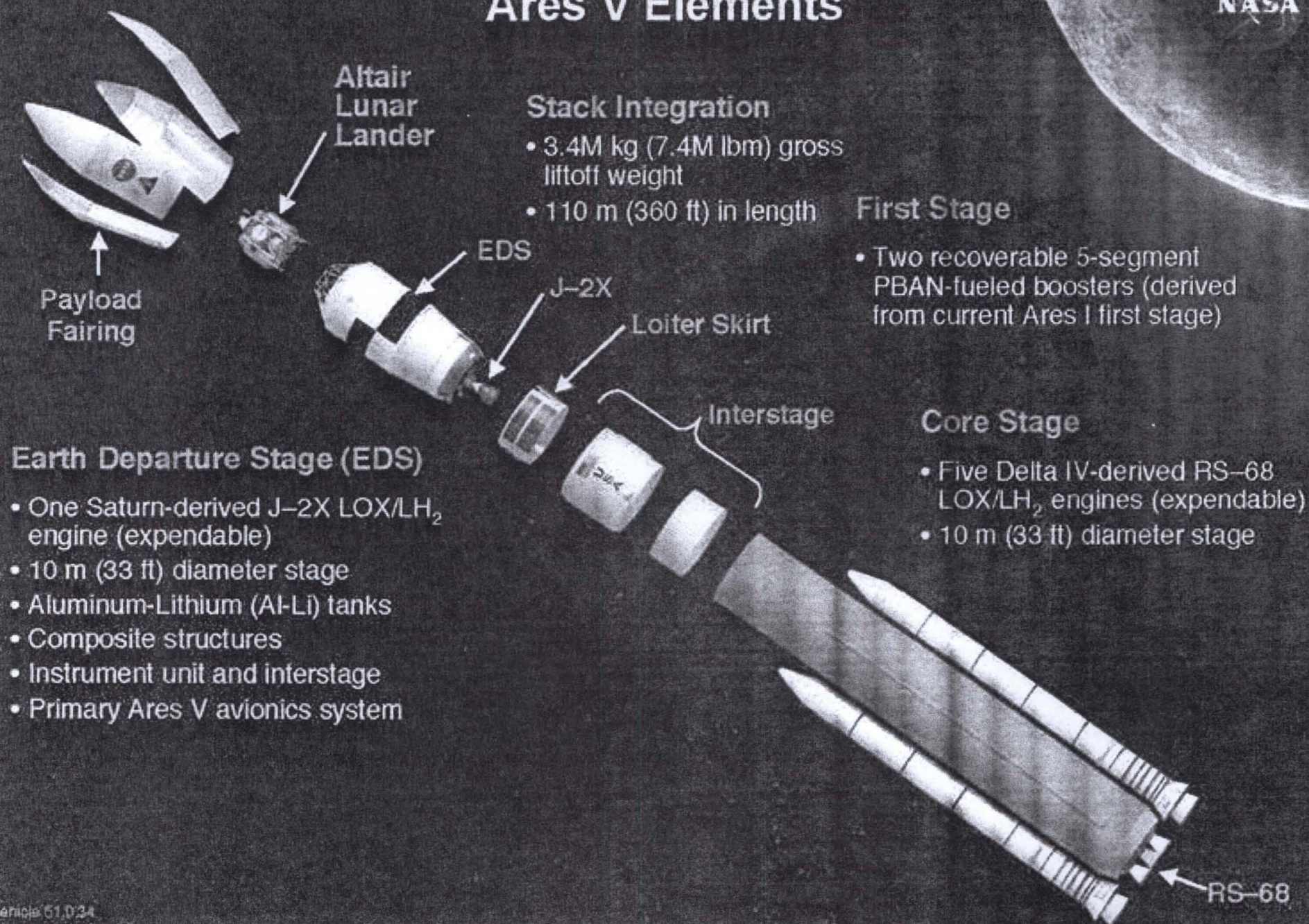
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Ares I Elements

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Ares V Elements



Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle

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Launch
Abort
System

Attitude Control Motor
(Eight Nozzles)

Canard Section
(Stowed Configuration)

Jettison Motor
(Four Aft, Scarfed Nozzles)

Abort Motor
(Four Exposed, Reverse Flow Nozzles)

Crew Module

Service Module

LOCKHEED MARTIN

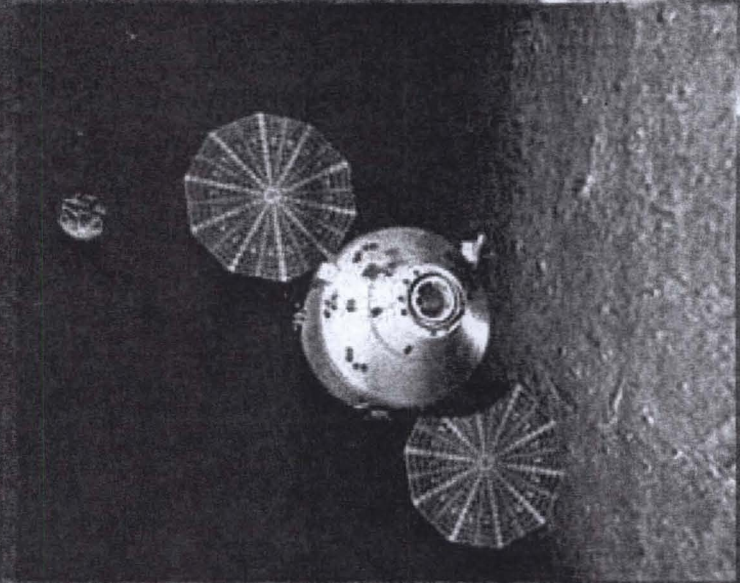
Volume: 10.8 m³ (380 ft³)

- 80% larger than Apollo

Diameter: 50 m (16.5 ft)

Encapsulated Service
Module (ESM) Panels

Spacecraft Adapter



What progress have we made?



◆ Programmatic Milestones

- Completed Ares I System Requirements Reviews
- Contracts awarded for building the first stage, J-2X engine, upper stage, instrument unit, and Orion
- Completed Ares I System Definition Review
- Ares I-X test flight scheduled for April 2009

◆ Technical Accomplishments

- Testing first stage parachutes and developing nozzles
- Constructing new J-2X test stand at Stennis Space Center
- Performing J-2X injector tests and power pack tests
- Fabricating Ares I-X hardware
- Testing in wind tunnels



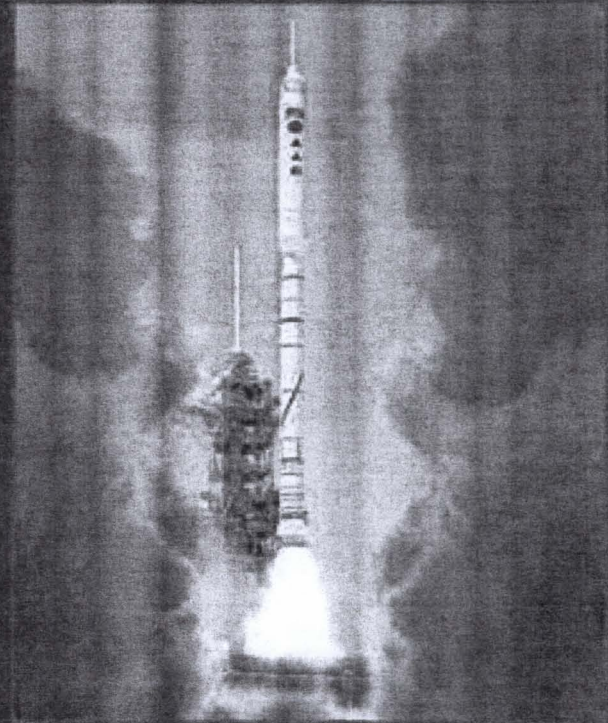
**Ares Progress Recap
2006 - 2007**

Ares I-X Test Flight

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◆ Demonstrate and collect key data to inform the Ares I design:

- Vehicle integration, assembly, and launch operations
- Staging/separation
- Roll and overall vehicle control
- Aerodynamics and vehicle loads
- First stage entry dynamics for recovery



◆ Performance Data:

	Ares I-X	Ares I
First Stage Max. Thrust (vacuum):	14.1M N (3.13M lbf)	15.8M N (3.5M lbf)
Max. Speed:	Mach 4.7	Mach 5.84
Staging Altitude:	39,624 m (130,000 ft)	57,453 m (188,493 ft)
Liftoff Weight:	834k kg (1.8M lbm)	927k kg (2.0M lbm)
Length:	99.1 m (327 ft)	99 m (325 ft)
Max. Acceleration:	2.46 g	3.79 g

Ares Nationwide Team

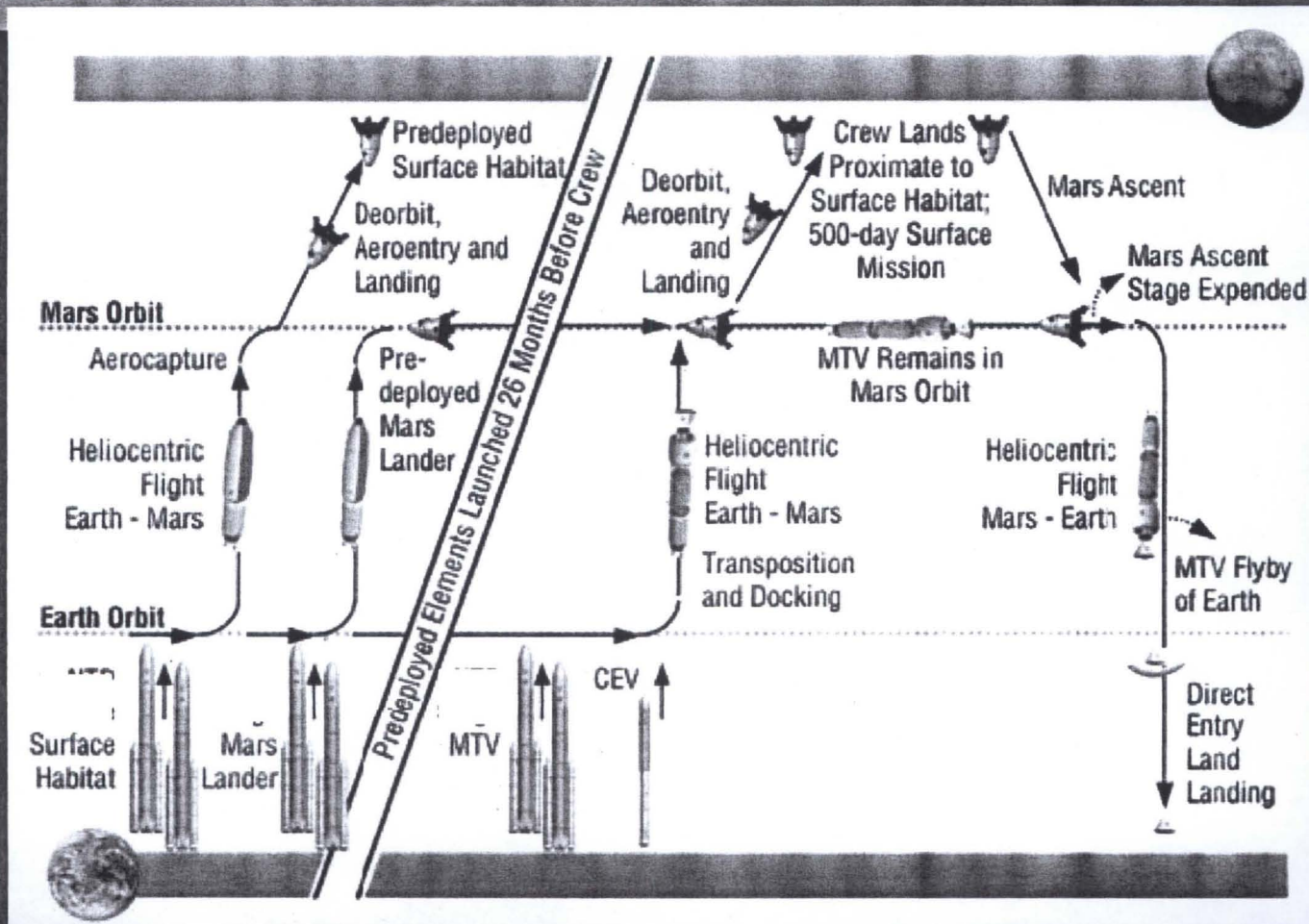
Who will be doing the work?

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Concept - MARS Mission

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Transfer to and from Mars in about 6 months – Mars surface stay about 18 months. Each human mission to Mars is comprised of three vehicle sets, two cargo vehicles, and one round-trip piloted vehicle. Planned 2.5-year mission

Down-to-Earth Benefits from the Space Economy

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NASA powers innovation that creates new jobs, new markets, and new technologies

◆ Personal Health

- Eye tracker for LASIK surgery
- Breast biopsy system
- 3D Imaging for surgery

◆ Consumer Products

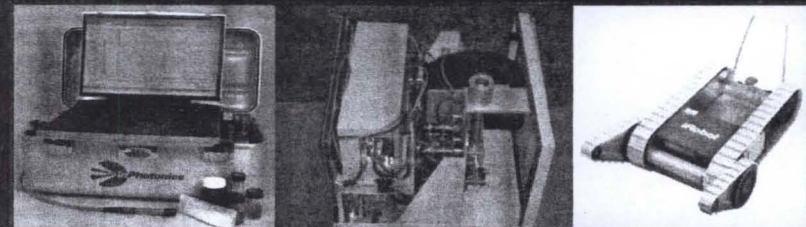
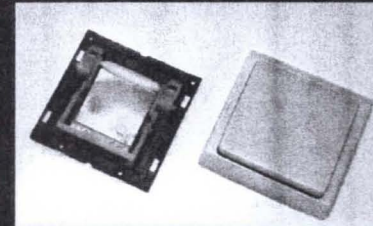
- Wireless light switch
- Remote appliance programmer
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

◆ Environmental

- Water Filtration system
- Environmentally friendly chemical cleanup

◆ Security

- Stair-climbing tactical robot
- Crime scene video enhancement



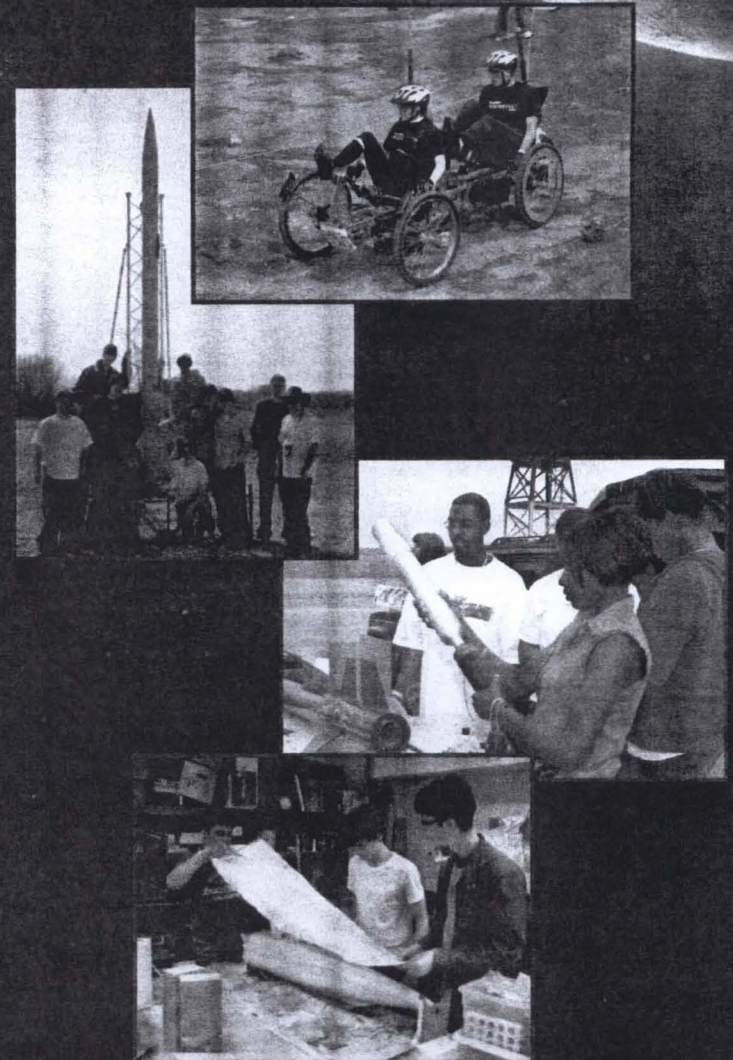
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Every Dollar Invested in Space is Spent on Earth

NASA Explores for Answers that Power Our Future

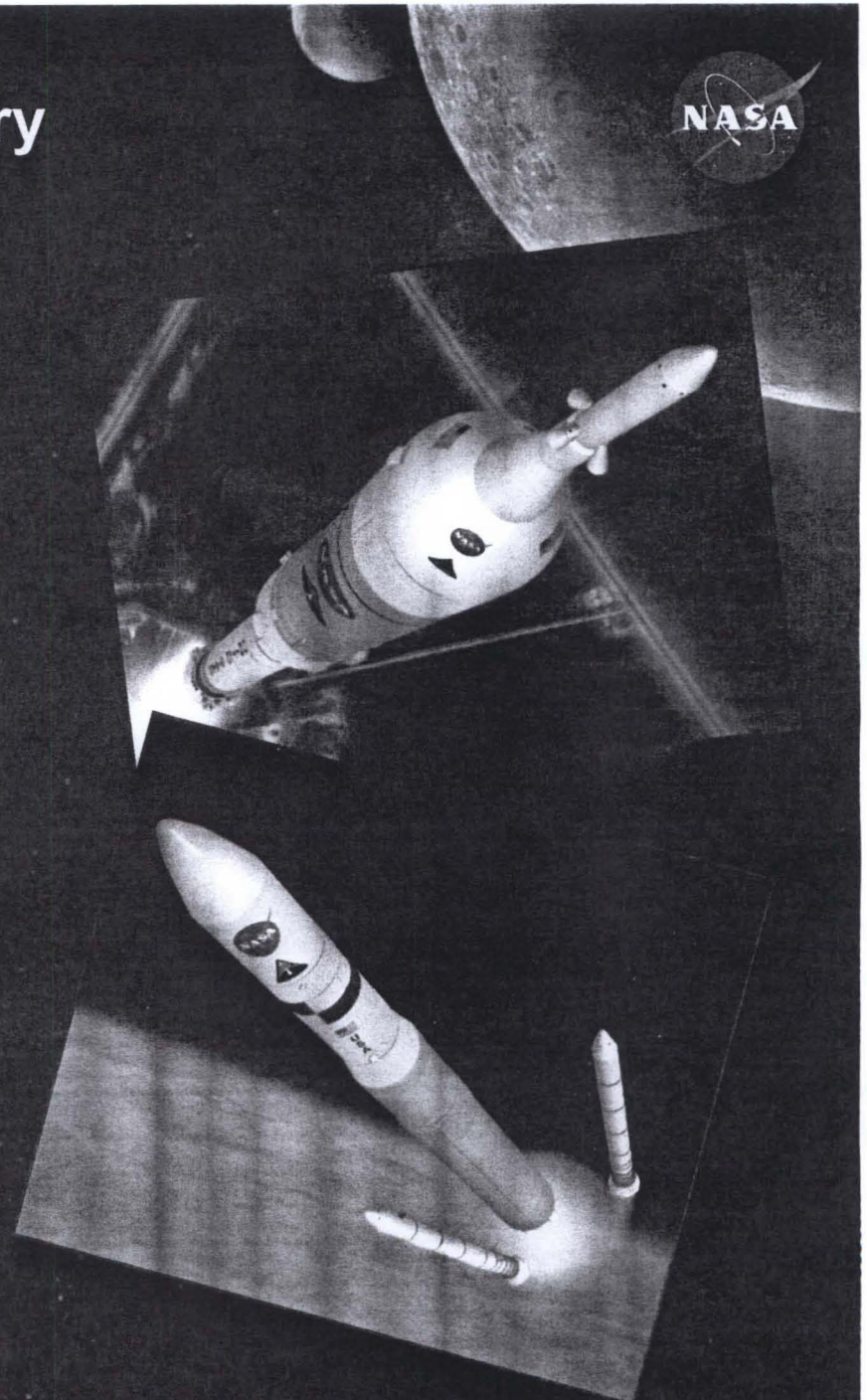
NASA powers inspiration that encourages future generations to explore, learn, and build a better future

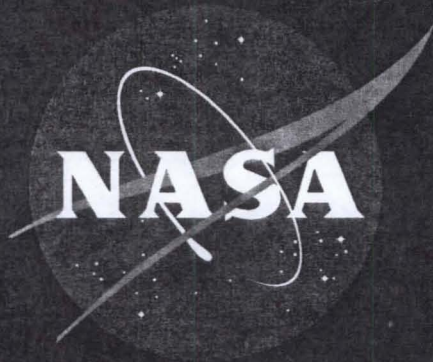
- ◆ NASA relies on a well-educated U.S. workforce to carry out missions of scientific discovery that improve life on Earth
- ◆ America's technological edge is diminishing
 - Fewer engineering graduates from U.S. colleges and universities
 - More engineering and science graduates in other countries
- ◆ Global marketplace is increasingly competitive and technology-driven
- ◆ Students need motivating goals and teachers with information to share
- ◆ NASA continues to develop educational tools and experiences that inspire, educate, and motivate



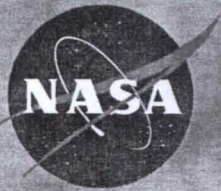
Summary

- ◆ Human beings will explore the Moon, Mars, and beyond to encourage inspiration, innovation, and discovery.
- ◆ We must build beyond our current capability to ferry astronauts and cargo to low Earth orbit.
- ◆ We are starting to design and build new vehicles, using extensive lessons learned to minimize cost, technical, and schedule risks.
- ◆ Exploring the Moon will help us reach Mars and beyond.
- ◆ Team is on board and making good progress – the Ares I-X test flight is on schedule for April 2009.





www.nasa.gov/ares



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